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PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Wednesday, 22nd April, as follows:

'Over the last few weeks I have been delighted to receive thank you messages, regarding the way the Authority has been tackling this pandemic.

'It is very reassuring that people are listening to the advice and guidance and that you are finding the information we are providing useful and informative.

'The officers are working hard under these testing conditions to ensure our communities and supported, for which I would like to thank them all. I'm also aware that my fellow county councillors are also active in our communities, again a big thank you.

'I also want to extend my gratitude to you all as "community Pembrokeshire"; everyone is doing their bit to support each other.

Cllr Michele Bateman, Cabinet member for Housing added: "I wanted to inform you of the new Housing Facebook Page that was launched last week.

'The page is set up for our Housing Tenants and is managed by the Housing Customer Liaison Team. It will help us engage with some of our harder to reach tenants, but will not replace traditional methods of communication. Housing Tenants please visit https://www.facebook.com/PCCHousing/"

'As leader I would like to take this opportunity to thank our care providers, and all their staff, that are working hard in our communities to support those who are vulnerable or require additional support.

I fully appreciate how difficult your role is under normal circumstances. Please be assured everyone appreciates what you are doing. Thank you so much.

'I have mentioned previously that business are changing the way they are operating.

'Every day I hear great stories of local shops doing deliveries, cafés doing cakes, hot takeaways, plated Sunday lunches and all types home delivery service. This is keeping your community going and you should all be proud of what you are doing, while still adhering to the social distancing and essential travel guidance.

'Please support each other where you can, stay in touch with family and friends and look out for one another.

'Family and friends are key to us keeping strong, your welfare is vitally important so please remember to smile, keep going, and talk to each other.

'We are all in this together and we will get through this.'

Press releases issued since my last update yesterday are:

- Authority Says Council Tax Premium Stays
 https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/authority-says-second-home-council-tax-premium-will-stay
- Plans for 500 iPads to be loaned to pupils
 https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/plan-to-loan-ipads-to-help-pupils-get-online

'Public Health Wales is updating and adding to their resources regularly. Please find all assets here: https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-resources/

'Also, please keep an eye on our newsroom at: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom

And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at:

https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'Thank you.'

Useful links:

- www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus
- www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws
- https://phw.nhs.wales/
- <u>lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Coronafeirws Newydd (COVID-19)</u>
 Cyngor hunan-ynysu
- https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance

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